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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I would like to express my support for the pending Microsoft settlement to be decided on this month. As a taxpayer, I have felt that the only thing the expensive government case has accomplished is precluding free enterprise from continued growth in the technology sector. Therefore, the measures promised in this deal should be more than adequate to allow fair competition while still allowing Microsoft to create quality products for consumers.

Though created by pressures from weaker companies envious of Microsoft's success and technology base, the settlement has achieved the lawsuit's goals and then some. Microsoft will ensure no retaliatory action against alternative software developers or the hardware makers that work with those competitors. The decision will also allow access to their internal interfaces and licensing of their intellectual property. All of this will then be monitored by a three-person technical committee of software experts, to guarantee ongoing compliance.

It seems like an obvious choice for the sake of the technology industry to approve this agreement and move on to more important issues. Please allow this action to stand and Microsoft to implement the moves they've promised.

Sincerely,

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